

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. AA-2148

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Storage Shed

and/or common Bldg. No. 80

### 2. Location

street & number U.S. Coast Guard Yard  not for publication

city, town Curtis Bay  vicinity of congressional district 1

state Maryland county Anne Arundel

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name U.S. Coast Guard

street & number 2401 Hawkins Point Road telephone no.: 410-636-7871

city, town Baltimore state and zip code: MD 21226-1797

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Anne Arundel County Courthouse liber GW-47

street & number folio 224

city, town Annapolis state MD

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title U.S. Coast Guard Yard National Register Nomination

1981  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town 100 Community Place, Crownsville state MD

# 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Building No. 80 is located toward the west side of the Yard, directly south of Building No. 81. This tall, one-story, gable-roofed building sits atop a high poured concrete foundation. The building's gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles and is pierced at the gable peak by four equally spaced ventilators. A full-length, ramped, loading platform runs along the building's north side and is aligned adjacent and parallel to a set of railroad tracks that terminate at the building's east end. Directly north sits Building No. 81 and, originally, a second set of railroad tracks, which were arranged as the mirror image of Building No. 80.

The building's original beveled wood siding has been covered over by 4-inch flush asbestos panels and battens. Portions of the original siding are falling out from under the newer covering and indicate serious disintegration of the original wall covering. Photographic evidence indicates the presence of four six-over-six windows and five board-and-brace wooden, track doors. All but two of the windows have been covered over. Other openings include a metal double door in the east gable end and a louvered ventilator window in each gable.

Structurally this building is in fair condition, but all original exterior finish is removed and fenestration patterns are completely altered. A large addition to Building No. 85, located directly west of Buildings Nos. 80 and 81, interrupts the railroad tracks further deracinating the building from its historic context.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance---Check and justify below				
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)	

Specific dates	Builder/Architect	McLean Contracting Company				
Check: Applicable Criteria:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C	<input type="checkbox"/> D		
and/or Applicable Exception:	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input type="checkbox"/> C	<input type="checkbox"/> D	<input type="checkbox"/> E	<input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G
Level of Significance:	<input type="checkbox"/> national	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> state	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local			

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This property is associated with the development of the Coast Guard Yard at Curtis Bay. The Yard was first established on this site in 1899 as a boat repair and construction facility for the Revenue Cutter Service, the forerunner of the present-day Coast Guard. At that time, the facility was known as the Revenue Cutter Service Depot, and generally served vessels stationed in the mid-Atlantic area.

The establishment of the Depot was related to the emphasis on Naval preparedness that took place following the Spanish American war. Prior to the establishment of the Depot, vessel repair and construction were handled by private concerns. Starting as a collection of a few frame buildings, the Depot, after 1940 known as the Yard, expanded as its mission and capabilities increased. The Yard was at its productive peak and greatest size during World War II, with most surviving historic structures dating to that time.

Building No. 80, and its neighbor No. 81, were constructed in 1942 by the McLean Contracting Company. The tracks located between these buildings directly accessed the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Buildings Nos. 80 and No. 81 were part of a World War II-era development of the western section of the Yard.

Due to loss of integrity resulting from inappropriate alterations and segregation from railway access, this building is not included in the proposed historic district.

### Criterion A—Historical Associations

This building was constructed during World War II and is associated with the major rebuild, expansion, and modernization effort taking place at that time. Furthermore, its location directly adjacent to railroad tracks indicates the growing importance of the railroad in facilitating Yard operations during this period.

### Criterion C—Design Significance

When originally constructed, this building was typical in design and construction of utilitarian architecture of the period. Its orientation and placement are a result of its relationship with the railroad.

### Integrity

Extensive alterations and remodeling, including the replacement of all original exterior finish and alterations to original fenestration patterns, as well as nearby construction that blocks the former rail access, undermine this building's ability to communicate its historic associations and architectural significance.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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- Facilities and Engineering Records, U.S. Coast Guard Yard at Curtis Bay
- United States Coast Guard Yard: A History of Service to the Fleet, U.S. Coast Guard Yard, Curtis Bay, MD 1995
- National Archives, Record Group 26

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .17 acres (7,326 square feet)

Quadrangle name Curtis Bay, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References Do NOT complete UTM references

A 

Zone	Easting	Northing

B 

Zone	Easting	Northing

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The proposed boundaries coincide with the building footprint of this resource. It is a utilitarian structure within the larger Curtis Bay District. No surrounding lands are significantly associated with the resource to constitute its setting.

### L all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Sherri Marsh, Architectural Historian		
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organization	Greenhorne & O'Mara, Inc.	date	May 7, 1996
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street & number	9001 Edmonston Road	telephone	301-982-2800
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city or town	Greenbelt	state	MD	20770
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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCP/DHCD  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
410-514-7600

## MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Periods: Industrial/Urban Dominance (A.D. 1870-1930) and Modern Period (A.D. 1930-present)

Historic Period Themes: Architecture, Economic, Military

Resource Type:

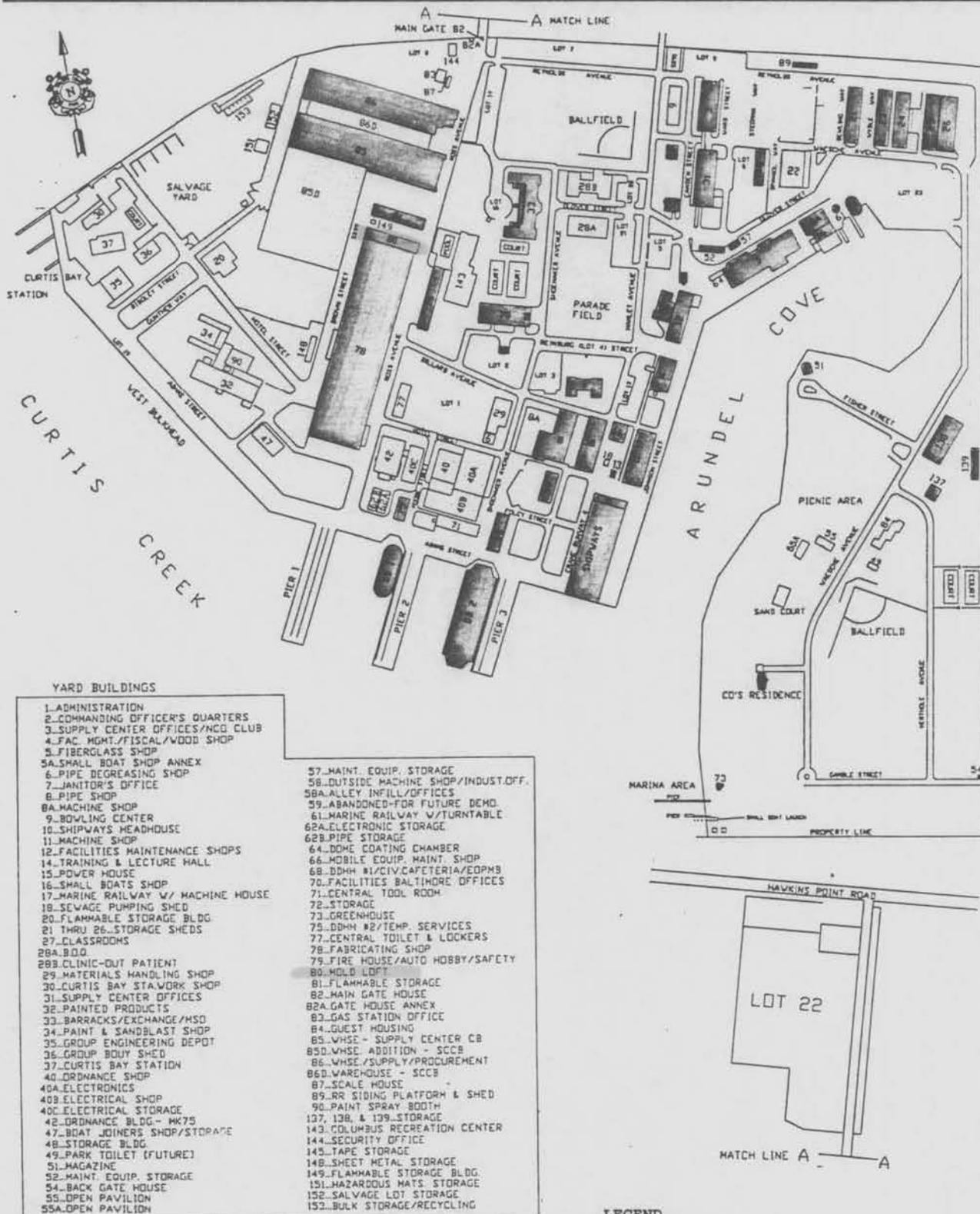
Category: District

Historic Environment: Suburban

Historic Functions and Uses: Defense/Coast Guard Facility/Shipyard

Known Design Source: None

U.S. Coast Guard Yard Curtis Bay



SOURCE: U.S. Coast Guard Yard, Facilities Department.

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 ■ PRE-1946 RESOURCES EXAMINED IN THIS REPORT

U.S. Coast Guard Yard  
 Site Plan, April 1996

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